

British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation

July, 2018

The B.C. Federation hosts a Provincial Festival during the Summer in years where there is no Society Festival planned (i.e. during odd numbered years). The next Provincial Festival will be held in Salmon Arm from July 11 to 13, 2019. It will feature Square Dancing from Mainstream to A2, Round Dancing phases 2 through 5, clogging, contra and Line dancing.

The National Festival will be in Surrey, British Columbia in 2020 from July 29 to August 1st. Our eyesight is twenty-twenty and "Our Sights Are On You".

The Pacific North West Teen Festival was held in Silverton Oregon this year and the Preteen/Teen clubs from the BC Lower Mainland received many trophies for Square & Round Dancing, Calling & Cueing. Congratulations to all of the participants.

Each year the Federation requests that the Provincial Government declare one week in September as "Square & Round Dance Awareness Week" in the Province. Members around the Province are encouraged to plan activities during that week to make the activity more visible and encourage people to consider joining in with us. This year S&RDA week is from September 16 to 22, 2019.

Clubs are recognized for significant anniversaries in five-year increments from 15 years to 65 years. Callers and Cuers can also be recognized for their years of calling and cueing service. There was a triple celebration earlier this Summer when the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways celebrated 60 years, their caller Nick Turner was recognized for 40 years of service to the club and cuer Mary Anne Turner was recognized for over twenty-five years of service to the club.

The Province of British Columbia has updated the regulations for non-profit organizations in the Province of B.C. and as a result it has become necessary to totally revamp and rewrite our constitution and bylaws. Dennis Sutton in Victoria has taken on the monumental task of directing this effort. We sincerely appreciate his effort and expertise in this area.

The BC Federation will be holding our Annual General Meeting in Penticton on August 10, 2018.

Darcy and Beth McGifford have been B.C.'s representatives to the CSRDS for several years and we appreciate their contributions and reluctantly accept their decision to step down. Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds of Victoria have volunteered and been accepted to become B.C.'s new representatives. Thank you, Pat and Garry.

Ken Crisp, President,
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